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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL PRESS GUIDANCE CONCERNING PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE DOMINICK

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THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN AND MAY BE USED BY THE EMBASSY, IF ASKED:

1. Q. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE ENTIRE QUESTION OF USAF FLIGHTS OVER SWITZERLAND HAS BEEN OPENED BY SENATOR DOMINICK'S RECENT REMARKS TO THE SWISS PRESS. DO YOU HAVE
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ANY COMMENT?

A. I HAVE NO COMMENT. I WOULD PREFER THAT YOU ADDRESS
THE SWISS GOVERNMENT ON QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE OVERFLIGHT
OF SWISS TERRITORY.

2. Q. IN HIS APPEARANCE BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN
RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON FEBRUARY 11, SENATOR DOMINICK IS
REPORTED TO HAVE CALLED FOR SWISS MEMBERSHIP IN THE IMF AND
THE UN. IS THIS OFFICIAL US GOVERNMENT POLICY?

A. THROUGH ITS GENEROUS PARTICIPATION IN THE SPECIALIZED
AGENCIES OF THE UN SWITZERLAND HAS CLEARLY MADE A
RESPONSIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING
OF THESE AGENCIES. WE ARE WELL ACQUAINTED WITH AND
UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THE SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OF THE
SWISS POLICY OF NEUTRALITY WHICH WOULD BE INVOLVED IN
THEIR MAKING A DECISION ON UN MEMBERSHIP-- AND THE FACT
THAT DECISIONS OF THIS TYPE MIGHT WELL HAVE TO BE PUT TO
THE SWISS PEOPLE IN THE FORM OF A REFERENDUM. IF IT
WERE EVER THE WILL OF THE SWISS PEOPLE TO BECOME MEMBERS
OF THE UN AND THE IMF, THE UNITED STATES WOULD WELCOME
SWISS MEMBERSHIP. INGERSOLL

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